

REMARKS

The Office action of June 3, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

FIG. 28 has been amended to include the reference sign ("40") mentioned in the description. FIGs. 29-30 have been amended to include the label "Prior Art".

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Apple Computer "Inside MacIntosh: Advanced Color Imaging on the Mac OS", Ch. 3-4, 11/1996 ("Apple"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, and request allowance thereof in the continuation prosecution application for the following reasons.

The Claims are Patentable Over the Cited References

Claims 1-5 are not anticipated by Apple

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under § 102(b) in view of Apple. Applicants strongly contend that Apple fails to disclose the features recited in these claims as amended (claim 1 amended to incorporate the features of original claim 3) such as wherein color characteristic data, which is produced by said characteristic

description apparatus contains, in addition to said lookup table, an identifier for identifying a table development method which is employed when said lookup table is developed into the multidimensional lookup table.

Apple does not disclose this patentably distinct feature of color characteristic data containing an identifier for identifying a table development method which is employed when said lookup table is developed into the multidimensional table. In contrast, Apple makes no mention of an identifier for identifying a table development method as recited as the only identifier that Apple discloses is not related to a table development method but solely describes a profile reference which is a data structure that identifies a profile and gains access to the contents of the profile (see chap. 4, page 3, 2nd para.). However, this profile is not a table development method for developing a multidimensional lookup table as recited, but instead is a file/data structure which holds color characteristic information and it is only the distilled content of two or more profiles that is specially combined together to generate a multidimensional lookup table for color world (see Chap. 4, page 1, 1st para.).

As specifically expressed, Apple states "...can think of color world as a sort of "matrix multiplication" of two or more profiles that distills all the information contained in the profiles into a fast multidimensional lookup table." (see Chap. 4, page 1, 1st

para.). Therefore, Apple's profile reference has no relation to the recited identifier for a lookup table development method as Apple's color world application exclusively creates the multidimensional lookup table using the single method of distilling the content of two or more profiles, and makes no mention of using an identifier to identify the single table development method used. Therefore, in contrast to the recited invention, Apple does not create/use an identifier for a table development method, but rather creates a multidimensional lookup table using a single method where the profile reference has no relation to the development method. Therefore, it is clear that Apple does not disclose the recited feature making the claimed invention patentably distinct and non-obvious from the cited reference.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the remaining claims are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703)

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